GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF SETTLEMENT COMMISSION
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to set up a Settlement Commission to decide the liability of overcharging for drugs which is more than Rs.800 crores;

(b) if so, the details and the terms of reference and composition thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said Commission is likely to start functioning?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (c) : In the Draft National Pharmaceutical Policy, 2006, it has been proposed, inter-alia, that efforts would be made to settle cases of old dues of Drug Price Equalization Account (DPEA) under DPCO, 1979 through a One-Time Settlement scheme.

Draft National Pharmaceutical Policy was considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 11.1.2007. The Cabinet has referred the Policy to Group of Ministers (GOM). The First meeting of the GOM was held on 10.4.2007. No time frame has been set for finalizing the National Pharmaceutical Policy.